The House then adjourned for lunch at two minutes past one of the clock

The House reassembled after lunch at two minutes past two of the clock,

[THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair]

THE INTERIM BUDGET (GENERAL) 2004-05

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, the Finance Minister will lay on the Table the Interim Budget (General) 2004-05 and Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) 2003-04.

THE FINANCE MINISTER (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) of estimated receipts and expenditure of the Central Government (Annual Financial Statement) for the financial year 2004-05 and Vote on Account (Interim Budget).

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SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (GENERAL) 2003-04

I beg to lay on the Table a Statement (In English and Hindi) showing the Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for the year 2003-04 (February 2004).

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SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION

Unemployment problem In the country (Contd.)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, let us continue with the Short Duration Discussion. Mr. Jothi to continue. He is not there. Mr. Virumbi.

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI (Tamil Nadu): Madam, the Short Duration Discussion that is going on is a topic which is agitating the entire nation. Unemployment and the population growth are two inseparable twins. In 1951 our population was 36 crores. Now, it has gone up to 103 crores. From 1960 to 1990, there is an enormous increase. If you look at the growth rate of India and China, in 1960, it was about 2.2 per cent. In 1990, the growth rate of population in China was one per cent, while